Our World Prestige at Stake In The Next Olympic Games

It has been twenty-four years since the modern world first revived the good, ancient custom of assembling the picked athletes of the nations to compete for international honors at games of bodily strength and skill.

It has been eight years since the latest and most pretentious Olympiad was held at Stockholm-six of them years

The seventh of these great tourneys of muscle and mind is to be held this summer at Antwerp. Delegations from a score of nations will compete. The Belgian government is making generous preparation for welcome and entertain-

The war has given an impetus to physical training There is also a widespread feeling that this occasion can be made uniquely helpful upon the thoughts of depressed peoples and in furthering good will.

In each of the previous Olympiads the United States has borne a part creditable alike to the athletic skill and sportsmanship of its representatives.

In the first Olympiad, at Athens, in 1896, of the twentyeight principal events, the Americans won nine; at Paris, in 1900, eighteen; at St. Louis, in 1904, twenty-four.

There were thirty-eight major contests at the fourth meeting in Athens in 1906. Despite larger competition, the Americans emerged victors in eleven events. In London, two years later, they increased their score to fifteen.

Of the twenty-nine events at Stockholm, Americans were first in fourteen, second in fourteen, and third in twelve. Their closest rivals were the hardy Finns.

This year Sweden is out to win. As early as last November the Swedish people had organized an elaborate system of training candidates for the Antwerp events and had subscribed \$135,000 to pay their expenses. The government of Brazil has voted \$90,000 to send sixty contestants.

The significance of this appears when it is known that the systematic training of the American candidates has yet to begin, and that of the \$150,000 which Gustavus T. Kirby, president of the United States Olympic Committee, estimates will be needed to pay the expenses of the American delegation, only a small part is in sight.

Mr. Kirby is laboring enthusiastically to bring up the standards of the American entrants at Antwerp and to insure victory.

He wants his countrymen to show upon the field of sportsmanship the same dash, endurance, and high good humor which made Pershing's army an eye-opener to Europe.

It is time that the public's attention was beginning to focus on this important subject. The spirit of good sportsmanship is precisely the spirit that our troubled world most needs right now. The spirit of careful training and high endeavor in fair competition. The spirit of team play. The spirit of accepting triumph modestly and of not being cast down or embittered by disappointment.

We must have the right kind of trained men to uphold the honor of our flag in this world's contest of courtest sinew, and wit. And we must see that they are suitably

From The Public To The Editor

There has been much discussion lately over the action of the Jr. O. U. The Times who so furiously berates A. M. in attacking the appointment the smoker who "asserts his preroga-A. M. in attacking the appointment tive to use tobacco" seems to have of a Chinese cadet captain in the Cenentirely denied herself the privilege tral High School regiment. As a mem-ber of the cadet corps for two years, "Pure atmosphere!" Does a member and one who has seen the actual cir- of the more deadly sex surround hercumstances. I feel privileged to speak self with such a brand of breathing with assurance in the matter. Per-haps the Jr. O. U. A. M. does not know standard bearer of the cosmetic that the cadet officers are appointed manufacturers' art (?) "Foul exhaiain a competitive examination.

the ranks, for three years before he by an excessively powdered and promay take this examination. He must fusely perfumed damsel. carry a nine-pound gun, and drill pointed captains.

mission that he earned? I sympathize to say the least, in both higher and with the spirit of the Jr. O. U. A. M.'s lower animals? request, but I believe that it would be un-American and unsportsmanlike cosmetic organizations are known of, to turn this boy down after he had to the best of our knowledge, but worked for, and earned his goal. The might we suggest that the animal real American thing to do, and the fair thing to do, would be to refuse to permit the entry of aliens into the least moderate their cosmetic atmoscorps at all. To permit them to enter, phere even as they would totally re-and to carry on the hard work, then move our faithful friend, Don Nicoand to carry on the hard work, then refuse them the reward, without a word of warning, would be the act of

Furthermore, in response to the question raised by Schwenk: "How would you like to have yourself or your children commanded by a Chinese?" I will answer that no captain their condemnation or this organization's stand has been most bitter, as has that of all who know the facts. Let me say that Dr. Van Schaick would have been most despicable had he acted otherwise than he did. The Jr. O. U. A. M. has made an ill-chosen step in this matter, and it behooves It to let it drop before the universal indignation at its un-American stand A CADET. grows any greater.

A Blonde Is Pained At Brunette Clerk's Efficiency.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: I read in The Times the article Brunettes as Clerks Put Blondes in Shade." Being a blonde, it is needless to say that I was pained to learn that the good people of the Nation's capital are considered failures as clerks! Whoever heard tell of a picturesque veowoman-or as we are officially known, yeoman (F)-wearing drab elive uniforms? Permit me to say that may yet be added. we did not. We wore navy blue or white drill—the marinettes wore the

slive drab. Hope you will remember this in the future! Ex-YEOMAN ORL

The writer in a recent number of tion!" Does this not call to the mas-A boy must stay in the corps, in culine mind the atmosphere created

We were not aware that a "natural cold and heat twice a week. taste" for tobacco was inherent in When at last he has served his time the goatish nature, but we will not he must study; then compete with take issue with the self-appointed others. The ten highest men are ap- zoologist on this point; however, we will say that we know of several es this organization think lower animals who surround them that after this boy had served his pe-riod in the ranks, and had stood up Perfumery but as a measure of a test and proved himself worthy protection, not attraction. Are we of the command of a company that too forward in hinting that over-perhe should be curtly refused the com- fumery in all cases is a bit repelling

No "prerogatively inclined" antimale take measures of retaliation on "meddlesome fanatics" and at LOUIS THEOBALD.

Thanks Times For Interest In Armenia.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: I have admired to see your most wonderful and broad-minded article defending the rights of Armenians for independence, who fought side by side with allies. I herewith convey to you my heartiest congratulation and thanks, and would be very happy to see the appearance of such articles again and again in your editorials.

RICHARD BAKER.

Thanks Times For Co-operation In Census Taking.

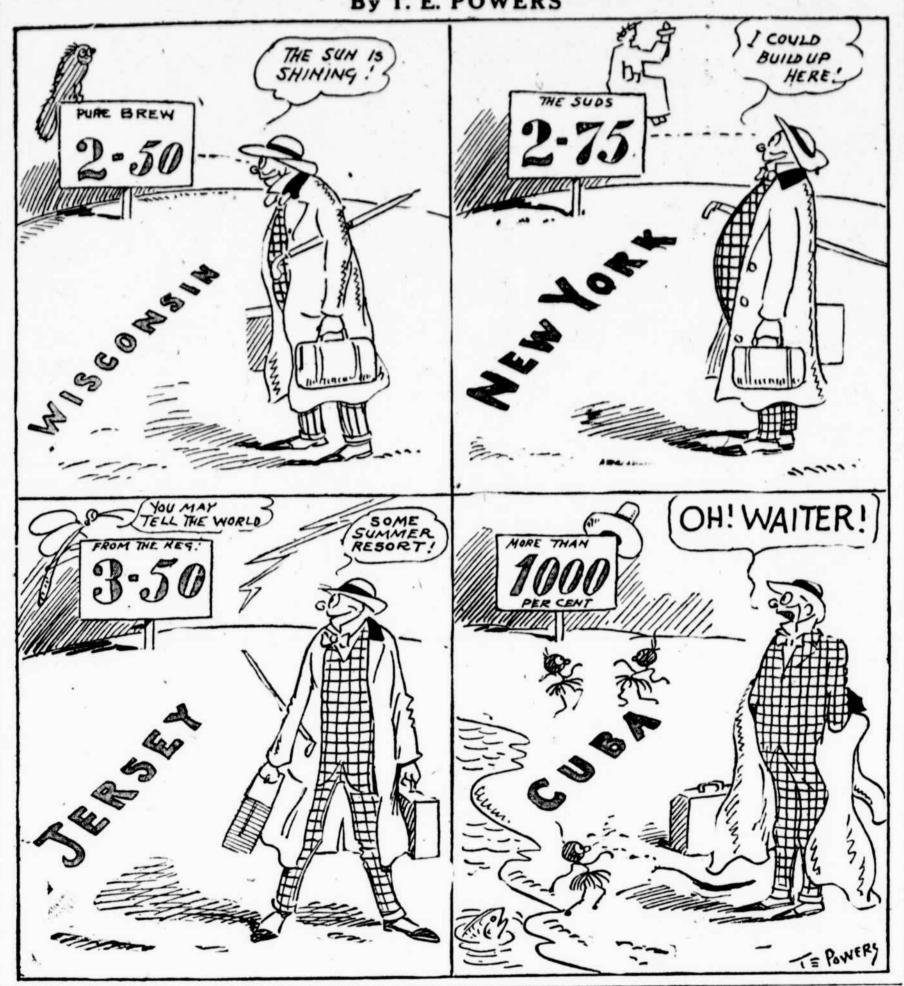
Having concluded my duties as supervisor of the census for the District of Columbia, I desire to hereby extend to you and your journal my warmest thanks for the co-operation you have given me in enumerating legally entitled to be counted, and in reaching the number 437,414 we have done fairly well and a few stragglers

Thanking you again for your great help to me in my office, I am, ROBT. G. MATTINGLY, Supervisor of Census,

downtown, found out who she was and proceeded to pester her by tele-To the Editor of THE TIMES: phone. She handled the situation with such skill and dispatch that he was only too glad to let her telephone alone in the future. She, too, worried for fear she had done something to warrait such ac-

> DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: May I be allowed a few words with Mr. U. S. E., who, like an echo District of Columbia from the farther shore, seemed to

Where Will You Spend the Summer? By T. E. POWERS



Beatrice Fairfax Writes of the Problems and Pitfalls of Workers Here **Especially For Washington Women**

voice in his masculine way my

are in search of the ideal and that

half the pleasure will be in the

searching. There is a fascination in it, isn't there? In searching

eagerly, expectantly each day the

faces of those we meet, and looking

deeply into pair after pair of eyes,

brown, blue, gray and all the rest-endeavoring to find that pair of

sponse, the joyous spontaneity, the

fine intelligence and humor which

contribute so largely toward that supreme luxury of life-sympa-

But are they not elusive, these

ideals, and doesn't it seem some-

times as if the search were vain and

that, in desperation, you will just

accept the dross, thinking, perhaps,

that it can be enameled and might,

in the dark, look almost like your

ideal? Through being in love with

love, I have almost done that, but

aused by the wayside long enough

to realize that enamel wears off in

spots horribly quick and usually in

Your graphic visualization of the

girls in the library as "bending

over books, their sharp noses touch-

ing the dry pages like a hound on

have seen such, but they are not in

the . majority, Mr. Ulysses, for I

have seen many a pug-nosed one

toddling helplessly through the "dry

pages" like a curly little puppy doing its very best to keep up with the rest of the pack, and

many another scamper through the

pages as completely devoid of a

serious thought as a blue-eyed kit-

ten playing with its tail!

scent," brings a smile. Verily, I

the most prominent spots.

eyes which holds the quick

thetic companionship!

Miss Fairfax tells you that you

very own desires?

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I wonder if you could help me solve a problem that has caused me a great deal of worry and a sleep-

First I must give you a description of myself, so that you may be able to understand more clearly: I am tall, siender, dress stylishly, use no rouge and very little powder, carry myself well, and perfectly proper in public, seldom notice men along the streets except, maybe, just a casual glance in passing, same as I would notice a woman, only less interest, and I had imagined it was the same with men, yet I have received an epistle from some man I have never seen, to my knowledge, inviting me to go out with him some evening, never even apologizing for his unconventionality and stating that he admires my "vampire" type. Really, Miss Fairfax, you can never understand how much worry this has caused me, never having had anything like this happen before. I even dread to go downtown now for fear of receiving a similar epistle. I cannot understand it. I do not dress in extremes. yet I know that I am attractive to some extent. I have always been commended for my refined, yet stylish taste in dress and my reserved

manner, due to a convent schooling. This young man Iso states having seen me on F street. One must go there occasionally to get to the stores in which they deal. Does that make one a "vampire," or do you think he may be an ignorant young man?

A WASHINGTON GIRL. You are needlessly worrying over a matter which you ought to dismiss with contempt. Things of this sort happen to most everyone from time to time, and the only way to treat them is to realize when they come and ignore them. Don't look to yourself to find the trouble, because it probably doesn't exist in you, your dress or demeanor. Rather lies in the silly, egotistical head of the man who wrote the letter. I heard recently of a similar case, although on that occasion the absurd man resorted to the

Today.

Address—W. Tyler Page, Clerk of House of Representatives, Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, Columbia road and Fourteenth street, 8 p. m.

Lecture—Dr. William Allen Wilbur, dean of Columbian College, George Washington University, 601 E street, 8:15 o'clock.

Mesting—Congress Heights Public Impresement Association, Baptist Portable Church, 8 p. m.

Meeting—Northeast Washington Citizens' Association, Northeast Temple, Tweifth and H streets northeast, 8 p. m.

Meeting—Princy Branch Citizens' Association, Iowa Avenue Methodist Church, corple, 8 p. m.

Meeting—National Capital Post, No. 127, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pythian Temple, 8 p. m. Meeting—Northeast Washington Citizens'
Association, Northeast Temple, Twelfth and
H streets northeast, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Piney Branch Citizens' Association, Iowa Avenue Methodist Church, corner of Emerson street and Iowa avenue,
Meeting—Howard Park Citizens' Association, Church of Our Redeemer, Eighth
street near Barry place, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Business and Professional
Women's Club, 1323 F street northwest, 8
p. m.
Dinner—Ohio State Society, Rauscher's,
7:30 p. m.
Meeting—Lay Alumni of Catholic University, 606 E street northwest, 8:30 p. m.
Dance—Criterion Club, Thomson Community Center, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Maryland State Society, Thomson Community Center, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Board of directors of Wilson
Meeting—Rorthwast, 8 p. m.
Meeting—National Capital Post, No. 127.
Meeti telephone. He had seen a girl tion, but could discover nothing. Go about your affairs as usual and don't waste a moment worrying about such a parasite as the writer of that letter.

What's Doing; Where; When

Perhaps these girls with the acute

noses really are on a scent, the

scent of the ideal, "even as you and

I!" Maybe they have given up find-

ing their ideal in real life and have

resorted to books, where he "lives,"

laughs, and loves" to their infinite

satisfaction. Methinks we should

pity them rather than laugh, for

their noses may at one time have

been "perfectly adorable," even as

yours and mine, and perhaps, it is

only through their fruitless search

for their ideal men that they have

Your letter impressed me as none

of the others have-and I guess.

perhaps, because the face of your

ideal seems to be the face of my

ideal, only in a masculine setting!

Those three words-"sympathy, re-

sponsiveness, and intelligence"-are

the ones which attracted me-the

three great essentials, with the ac-

cent on responsiveness! Had you

also added that you were a lover of

nature, music, art, and poetry, you

might just as well have considered

And I might have helped you a little, too, but I like to talk, es-

pecially on a rainy evening in front

of an open fire, and worse yet, I

love to read! Anyway, you wanted

a "happy medium"—I am happy, but not a "medium"—if I were, my

thought waves would have pene-

trated and you would have had my

Most any man (or woman,

either) would like to know the

writer of this altogether charming

letter, and I'm sure that when it

falls under U. S. E.'s eyes, he will

message ere this!

become gaunt and peaked!

Meeting—Maryland State Society, Thomson Community Center, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Board of directors of Wilson Community Center, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Monday Evening Club, Park View Community Center, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Monday Evening Club, Park View Community Center, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Washington Smith Club, at the Washington Club, 8 p. m.
Meeting—New Hampshire State Association, St. James' Hotel, Sixth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, 1 p. m.

have renewed hope of finding a girl who is the equal of his mother.

Look Over

the Map

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I have been following, day by day, the letters in your column criticising the fellows who gather at Thirteenth and F streets. These fellows, three-fourths of whom work in the vicinity of this corner, are called cake eaters, etc., by people who haven't yet learned that you can't judge a book by its cover. I don't see how these people who make the criticism, could possibly have such a line on them unless they spent quite a bit of their own

In defense of the fellows who wear extreme clothes, I would like to say a few words. Wearing fashionable clothes is with some fellows, a hobby. They derive as much pleasure from the acquisition of a new and pretty tie as a stamp odd stamp to his collection.

Do the fellows who now criticise the clothes these fellows are wearing ever stop to consider that the clothes they are wearing themselves were extreme, at one time and were also criticised. It is a good thing that there are some fellows who risk criticism to wear things which they think will improve their appearance. If this world since its beginning hadn't contained men of this kind, we would all still be

wearing fig leaves or at least the skins of animals. EDDIE F. Which all goes to show that there are two sides to every question and that everyone is entitled to at least an opinion.

Married Woman Takes Up Cudgels in Men's Defence. DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am very much interested in Miss Feminine's letter, also the letter signed anti-F St. I am a young married woman,

and, having a good, true husband, I thought it is time for me to take No, indeed, all men are not F street men, Miss Feminine, and far from it! And I know all girls

aren't freaks either. I know nothing disgusts a good man more than to see girls rouged and powdered to the extreme. No refined gentleman wants a girl who does go to the extremes in style, and they do love to see and meet plain up-to-date girls, with their natural beauty. To be natural is beauty itself,

something we all love to see. I can't believe a gentleman prefers a freak girl to those of natural beauty. I know men would be so much kinder and more polite to ladies if there were not so many freaks in this world. I think men are doing fine with so many temptations thrown at them. I think girls are the "vain ones," not the men. Natural girls need not fear the

More Light For Congress on Street Railway Merger Legislation

By BILL PRICE.

The decision of Justice Gould in the valuation appeal of the Potomac Electric Light Company is of immense value to the House District Committee, now seeking to frame legislation that will have the effect of compelling a merger of the two street railway companies.

One of the many things standing in the way of a volun-. tary merger of the companies, the total of which will absolutely prevent their getting together of their own accord, is the extensive claims made in appeals to the District Supreme Court from valuations fixed by the Public Utilities Commission. Justice Gould's decision is so fundamentally sweeping in its application to the procedure and principles involved in the valuations of the street railway companies as to throw a big light upon the whole thing, and should benefit the Congressional statesmen wrestling with the problem. The decision practically settles the fact that many of the claims made by the street railway companies for such items as franchise rights in the streets, conceivers' and promoters' charges, etc., will never be allowed, no matter who hears

In other words, neither of the companies may now expect the local courts to grant large increases in the valuations of their properties from that made by the Public Utilities Commission.

So visions of large additional values, to be fixed by the courts, or ordered by the courts to be fixed by the Commission, all of which would boost stock negotiations in a merger, will have to go into the discard. It is now foreseen that whatever increases may be allowed by the courts, if any, will be made up of claims that are dissimilar to those disallowed by Justice Gould in the electric light case.

Congress may not want to legislate municipal owner ship of the two lines. That is exactly what should be done. because the situation in Washington, with the Government the largest employer of labor here and more interested than any other single institution, is intolerable, and the quickest cure is municipal ownership.

But if Congress will not do what is best it can take the next best step by providing that if the two companies have not merged voluntarily within six months after the passage of a law they will be taken under strict control by the municipality on a service-at-cost plan, a return to be paid them upon the valuations fixed by the Utilities Commission. this return to be adjusted later in accordance with orders or decisions of the courts.

This kind of legislation will virtually compel a merger. but if it does not the public will have little to worry about. as it will then have to pay only a rate of fare sufficient to cover a reasonable return, with fair provision for upkeep and depreciation.

HEARD AND

honest Government work their 48-cent dollars it's time to take in the shingle and beat it back to the

(Poverty-Stricken Gv't. Clerk.)

DICK BEALL "points with pride" working in the to Governor EDWARDS, of New and Printing. Jersey; but PERCY FOSTER "views with alarm." The next twelve months will be filled with pointing and viewing.

HARD LUCK FOR MRS. HART. Nearly all of you know ELIZABETH HART, the newswoman at Fourteenth and G streets. She is partly paralyzed, but pluckily stands in all kinds of weather to earn her living selling papers. She lost her pocketbook a few days ago. It contained \$23, her rent money. The loss is a hard blow.

SEND 'EM TO ENGLAND. Oh, girls, have you read the latest? Man-shortage in England. I move that we send over all (every doggone one) of our dead little pinch'd-back'd, white spat'd wrist-watch'd derby'd F street Johnnies. Who sec-A GIRL

CONGESTION IN THE MOVIES. There should be some law in the District compelling movie-picture managers to hang out the sign "Standing Room Only," when they sell seats. I have recently had several uncomfortable experiences in this direction, and my enjoyment was Two similar complaints have been

eceived. No doubt the managers will properly attend to these matters.

THE CAPITOL'S DOME. The Congressional Directory con

tains this regarding the Capitol:
"The dome is crowned by a bronze
statue of Freedom which is 19 feet 6 inches high and weighs 12,985 pounds. It was modeled by Craw-

The sun's rays and ex-rays are easy to be But a raise on pay days is like getting ice red hot. R. T. TILLETT.

THE PRIVATE'S VIEW.

I can see why a former captain protests against a bonus for ex-service men, especially when his salary as an officer was sufficient pay for his services, but how about the privates who had to do so much with \$30

An "A. E. F. SERG'T" and a num- The world is not a little indebted to ber of other soldiers join in similar men who were not physically fit for criticisms, all dwelling upon the very small pay received by private soldiers as compared to the officers, school I have had a practical taste of and the fact that they had no money this injustice, and would like to see the freaks. A real gentleman does left when coming out of the army to it corrected by the Civil Service Comnot want that kind. A TRUE WIFE. give them a start again. mission.

Dear Bill: When Congressmen have | What's the matter with B. B. CAV-

MISS NEW YORKER A patron of the Eleventh street car line observes the old habit of cars on that line running in flocks. He asserts that the service is bad for those

working in the Bureau of Engraving

BIG HEARTS OF H. & S. FOLKS. The folks who write for this column never miss opportunity for doing good. Their hearts are big and generous. A boy wrote an appeal for aid and advice as to the cure of a case of acne he has suffered from for years. Acne is an eruptive skin disease of the worst sort. Fifteen letters came to this column for him and they were not from patent medicine sharks either. They were from kind-hearted humans who had good advice as to how to cure the disease. Anyhow, Heard and Seen readers are just the best lot there is in the world—always with warm hearts and open purses for

What did the immigrants find in their tents the next morning after they landed at Jamestown,

the distressed.

S. L. PERRY, 2210 Ga. ave.

I'll have you know we have plenty of he-vamps in the Northeast. Many of them congregate around Seventh and H streets northeast. They are bold adventurers, too. I am a Business High School girl, and we have some vamps there, also. E.E.

THE PUZZLED BANANA MAN. I reada your pape, and lika make

ia letter to Listen and Seen Colum. been in dese country % year; pushs cart alla time. Stoppa cart. Policeaman, da big steef, say: "Come alonga weeth me. No stoppa." He taka la beeg banan, da orange, wid da high costa living; worri me very much.
Republican say democrat steela
11-10 meelion-dolla. Maka investigata committ. Democrat say Republican steela 14 million dolla. No can tell. He maka committ. What chance poor banana mans. He must pay taxa lika da hell. TONY MICRONTICOUS.

A young man in conductor's garb, stationed at Fourteenth and H streets, packs the cars to the limit, but seems fond of pushing women on the cars and closing the doors from the outside before they're half inside. This is uncomfortable, besides upsetting hats, etc. LADY STENOG.

A CIVIL SERVICE PROBLEM. Although former service men are

per month, paying allotments, insur- service over those who could have ance, etc? Many of these boys are in served, have they such right over debt and will take a long time to pay those who, through no fault of their out.

AN EX-SOLDIER. own, were not permitted to serve?